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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/090,208	Applicant(s) Jordan et al.
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Status		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>Mar 4, 2002</u>		
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> is/are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.		
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> is/are rejected.		
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.		
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on <u>Mar 4, 2002</u> is/are a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner.		
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).		
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner.		
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120		
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).		
a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of:		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.		
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).		
a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.		
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Attachment(s)		
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sievenpiper et al.(6,441,792) in view of Maoz et al.(6,466,176).

Figure 6a of Sievenpiper discloses a transmission line feed(21), and a reflector(16) coupled to antenna elements(18) which operate in the PCS and AMPS frequency band as disclosed in figure 4.

Sievenpiper does not disclose the recited antenna element arrangement.

Claim 1, figure 3 of Maoz discloses a multiband antenna with first(104) and second(109) slot antenna elements.

The antenna arrangement disclosed in Maoz provides improved multiband performance(abstract).

Claim 2, figure 3 of Maoz discloses a PCB(101).

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Claim 3, the use of FR4 as PCB material is well known in the art, and its use in the recited invention would be an obvious modification of the above referenced and disclosed antenna.

Claim 4, figure 4 of Sievenpiper discloses a GPS antenna(18-1).

Claim 5, the reflector(16) disclosed in figure 6a of Sievenpiper is rectangular.

Claims 6-8, figure 3 of Sievenpiper discloses an antenna module(24) whose sides and bottom surface constitute the reflector which appear to be substantially dimensioned with a depth as recited.

Claim 9, since the disclosed antenna and reflector geometry are as recited, the energy entering the passenger compartment of the disclosed antenna system should be well within the recited parameters.

Claim 10, figure 3 of Maoz discloses a transmission line(105) printed directly on the PCB.

Claim 11, the second slot(109) disclosed in Maoz is a parasitic slot coupled to the first slot(104).

Claims 12, 15 and 17, the dimensions of the antenna disclosed in Maoz are within the recited values based on the disclosure of figure 3.

Claims 13-14, figure 6a of Sievenpiper discloses a plug connector(28).

Claim 16, pigtails are well known in the art and their use in a system as recited is an obvious modification of the disclosed and referenced system.

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Claims 18-20, the recited operational characteristics are obtainable with the use of the above disclosed and referenced antenna.

Claims 21-22, the antenna elements disclosed in Maoz are linearly polarized elements and can be used as recited.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the slot antenna elements disclosed in Maoz with the antenna disclosed in Sievenpiper for improved performance as disclosed in Maoz.

Correspondence

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jim Clinger whose phone number is (703) 305-0619.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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